

In re Appln. of Tanaka et al.
Application No. Unassigned
(U.S. National Phase of PCT/JP2004/018108)

Amendments to the Specification

On page 1, please add the following new paragraph immediately after the title:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a national phase of international patent application no. PCT/JP2004/018108, filed November 30, 2004, which claims the benefit of patent application no. JP 2003-401132, filed December 1, 2003, the entire content of which is incorporated herein by reference.

On page 1, please replace the heading at line 13 with the following amended heading:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

On page 2, please replace the heading at line 14 with the following amended heading:

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On page 11, please replace the heading at line 24 with the following amended heading:

BEST MODE FOR EMBODYING THE INVENTION DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

On page 39, please delete the heading at line 32 as follows:

Industrial Applicability

On page 40, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 6 with the following new paragraphs:

~~This application is based on a patent application No. 401132/2003 filed on December 1, 2003 in Japan, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.~~

Preferred embodiments of this invention are described herein, including the best mode known to the inventors for carrying out the invention. It should be understood that the illustrated embodiments are exemplary only, and should not be taken as limiting the scope of the invention. The use of any and all examples, or exemplary language (e.g., "such as") provided herein, is intended merely to better illuminate the invention and does not pose a limitation on the scope of the invention unless otherwise claimed. No language in the specification should be construed as indicating any non-claimed element as essential to the practice of the invention.

All references, including publications, patent applications, and patents, cited herein are hereby incorporated by reference to the same extent as if each reference were individually and specifically indicated to be incorporated by reference and were set forth in its entirety herein.